# A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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IT is no new Thing, to have what I write, diſlik'd; but 'tis a very odd Fate to the Author, that both Parties ſhould find fault—— That it is ſo, is not the leaſt diſturbance to me, who have long ſince learn'd to ſlight your Cenſure, and to contemn your Praiſe.

*D——n him,* ſays a Gentleman of the High Party,* *he will have Men turn WHIGS, whether they will, or no; can any thing be more* Odious *and* Inſolent *to the new Miniſtry,* than *to tell them they will turn* Whigs? *Has not the Queen turn'd out the* Whigs? *And perhaps becauſe they were* Whigs; *and was ever one ſo Impudent to call the new Miniſtry* Whigs?—— *Beſides, are not theſe the Men, that this Writer has all along Abuſed and Reproach'd with High-Flying,* as he calls it; *that he has call'd* Mad-Men, *and rang'd in Battle againſt the Government*—— *And now they are in Poſſ,* he would perſuade us *they ſhall Mimmick the* Whigs, that is, *turn Hypocrites, and join with the Enemies to the Queen,* that *Preach up Rebellion, and Impudently diſpute* her Majeſty's *Hereditary Title to the Crown?*

I give you in theſe Things, nothing but an Abſtract of the Scurrilous Letters I daily receive, on this Head; their Number is too great, and their Language to groſs, to give you them at large.

Some

Some Gentlemen on the other side, who think the Name of a Whig, *an Honour* to the new Miniſtry, and that they are Repreſented by me in this Notion of mine, *to their Advantage* ——— Theſe ſay I am Complimenting the Gentlemen, and making my court to them; and one wiſe Enquirer, has had the great Policy to aſk pretty publickly, *What Place it is*, that I write for?

Now to Anſwer theſe Gentlemen according to *Solomon*, *viz. in their Folly*, and to ſpeak as directly to them as I can, I begin with the laſt — I ſee no Compliment made to the Miniſtry at all, ſuppoſing it were a Crime —— I have indeed told them, they will be *Whigs* in Practice ——— Now be it, that 'tis an Honour to them; truly I have told it them very Courſly; for I have only ſaid they muſt be ſo, by the Neceſſity of their Management; I do not ſay they incline to be ſo, deſire, chooſe, or will voluntarily be ſo —— An excellent Compliment, *you will ſay*, to tell Gentlemen they will be honeſt Men, in ſpight of all Contrivances or Endeavours to the contrary —— Indeed as I am not ſeeking to oblige any Body, ſo I ſee nothing they have to be oblig'd to me for, in it —— But ſays a wiſe Gentleman, he is writing for a Place —— And what Place does he write for? —— Indeed I have not yet Enquir'd whether there is a Vacancy in the Preſs-Yard, but I know no *Place* any Body can think I ſhould be writing for, unleſs it be *a Place in Newgate*.

This indeed there may be ſome probability of, to me, or any Body elſe, that dares ſpeak plain *Engliſh* to Men in Power —— But I muſt tell the kind People —— That tho' I am like to ſpeak as plain *Engliſh*, as any Body, yet perhaps I may not ſpeak it in ſuch Groſs Terms, as they would have it ——— 'Tis not my way to rail, and call Names; ill-Language will not better the Argument, nor want of Manners aſſiſt to convince Mankind; but ſome Men think no Man can ſerve them, but he that flies in the Face of Government for them; and want to have the *Review* ſpeak ſo, as he may be ſure to ſpeak no more — Let ſuch Gentlemen know, I underſtand how to ſerve their Intereſt, without Gratifying their Humour ——— They are not ſo generous a Party, that any Man need Covet a Jail, depending upon their ſupport —— If the Author gets a Place in *Newgate*, as he is not afraid of it, in Defence of Truth, ſo he knows whoſe Fury will ſend him there, and who will ſtand by him when he is there —— *Teſte De-laune*, *Anno* 16.

But to the Point ——— As to flattering Men in Power, it has never been my Talent: As to places, I have been now ſeven Years, under what we call a *Whig* Government; I have not been a Stranger to Men in Power; to Men in Management; I have had the Honour to have it told me, I have ſerv'd the Government; the Fury of an enrag'd Party, has given their Teſtimony to it; and I could produce yet greater, but the Man is not alive of whom I have ſought Preferment, or Reward ——— If I have not applied my ſelf for it, when I may ſay without Vanity, I had ſome pretence —— The Pretender to this, muſt take me for a Fool to think of it now —— Wherefore let ſuch know, that I not only ſeek no Place under the preſent Adminiſtration of the Government, but really I cannnot Merit any; I cannot pretend to deſerve, or to oblige them enough ——— And *more than all*, if in ſpight of Merit, ſuch a thing ſhould be offer'd me, how mean ſoever my Circumſtances may be, and how much need ſoever I may, *on Family Accounts*, have of it, I never ſhall, or can deſire, or indeed accept a Place; and therefore thoſe that talk thus, talk like ſomething worſe than Mad-Men.

Now, pray, let us ſee what is the Thing, that occaſions this Folliſh Stuff upon the *Review*; and that ſhould put it into the Heads of one Party or other, to Quarrel what I have ſaid on this Account.

I mov'd you all to uphold the publick Credit, notwithſtanding the remove of my Lord *Tr*———*r* ——— That we might not ſink the Ship, we were all Embark'd in, and give the Nation up to *France* ———

And

And does not this please you?——— Pray, Gentlemen, did not my Lord *G*———*n* late Lord *T*———*r* Generously, and from a true Publick Spirit, do the same?—Will you say his Lordship courted the new Ministry, was it joining with the new Ministry, to be willing to keep up the Nation, support our Alliance, and subsist the Armies that are Fighting for us?

NO NO, *Gentlemen*, were the New Ministry any thing you can suppose Men to be, on this side D——s, I would press you to support Credit, lend Money, and carry on the War—— The Question before us in this, is not who is in the Ministry, but who is in the Government; not *what Party* Manages, but *what it is* that is Managed by them——— You do not lend your Money to the Ministry, but to the Government——— The *Whigs*, tho' they are turn'd out of Places, they are not turn'd out of the Nation; they have too great a Share of the Wealth, too great a Cargo in the Ship, to be careless what becomes of the Bottom——Therefore let the Queen put in or put out, that's not the Question; the Nation must be preserv'd, and this may be done without courting, without approving, or indeed without shewing the least Respect to the Persons of the Officers concern'd in the Managing it.

The Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury, have no Reason to think themselves oblig'd to me, that I move you to support Credit—— It is no court to them or their Office; I do not so much as tell them in it, that I am am glad or sorry they are in—— It is neither on one side or other—— Indeed it is not my Business; if I repine at the Change, I am under no necessity of upbraiding them with it; If I rejoyce in it, I have no need to flatter them about it it——'Tis *the Nation!* the Nation! that must be sav'd, the *French* that must be reduc'd, the Pretender must be kept out, and the War must be carry'd on—— What is the Change of Ministry to these Things?

And now I turn to the other Party, who think I am Affronting the Ministry, to say they will all be *Whigs*—— And they with me a good Place, (*Newgate*) for that—— Well, Gentlemen, let me add a few of the opposite Suggestion to this, and take it as you please.

I have affirm'd that by the Consequences, and the meer Necessity of Management, they must turn *Whigs*; I have explain'd my self (what I mean) *viz.* They must support the Alliance, they must carry on the War, they must keep out the Pretender, oppose *Jacobitism*———What shall I say? I'll put it home, answer it if you can;

They are *Whigs* if they do;
They will be Traytors if they don't.

To prove the first—— I Alledge—— The Revolution is a *Whig* Settlement, the Confederacy is a *Whig* Alliance, the Government is a *Whig* Government——And by Consequence the Management of all these, must be a *Whig* Management—— I need not define the Word *Whig*, or Examine what we all know, its Original or Derivation; but *Whig* as now in the common acceptation receiv'd—— May be thus Defin'd——— A Principle of Liberty, as it is oppos'd to Arbitrary Government; a Revolution Settlement, as oppos'd to a Pretender; a Just, Legal, Administration, as oppos'd to *French* Despotick Tyranny.

As to *Non-Resistance* and *Hereditary-Right*, I think we are at last agreed about them, and the greatest pretensions the Party have made, come into the true meaning of the Party Claiming against them; and our difference lies chiefly in the Terms, which I think for the future, both Parties would do well to join in, and Christen them a-new, *viz. Revolution-Non-Resistance*—— and *Parliamentary-Hereditary-Right*——— And in this we will all close with them.

Now as to *Whigism*, as above——— I say again, our Ministry having a *Whig* Settlement to stand on, a *Whig* Alliance to support, a *Whig* Government to Administer;

—— What

—— What can they be in the Management? I ſay they muſt be *Whigs*, or be worſe —— And if they are not *Whigs*, I ſhall wiſh them no ſpeed; whether I am flattering them, or no, leave that to the Conſequences.

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